

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

Date: September 9, 2004

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 7(N)1(F)

To: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George W. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Supplement to Agenda Item No. 7N1F – Resolution filling a vacancy on the
Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board

Attached are the resumes for the individuals nominated to fill the At-Large seat on the
Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board.


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RESIDENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI 1976

OWNER OF PITA GROVES IN SOUTH DADE COUNTY SINCE 1978

MEMBER OF HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBER OF BLUE BELT COMMISSION

VICE PRESIDENT, CEO, AND SHAREHOLDER OF SOUTH DADE LAND
CORPORATION WHICH OWNED 5000 ACRES OF FARM LAND IN SOUTH
DADE COUNTY FROM 1987 TO 1996

PAST CHAIRMAN OF LIME AND AVOCADO ADMISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE - A MEMBER SINCE 1986

MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1997-2000

MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SOUTH FLORIDA
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 1997-2000

CHAIRMAN OF FLORIDA CITY FARMERS MARKET ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

MEMBER OF DADE COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1986

MEMBER OF "380 COMMITTEE" DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS APPOINTED BY ROBERT GRAHAM 1986

AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM HOMESTEAD-FLORIDA
CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1984

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2002-2004

CSOP FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2004

Sam Accursio Jr.
1225 NW 2nd Street
Homestead, Florida 33030
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RESUME

Sam S. Accursio & Sons Farms Inc.
1225 NW 2nd Street
Homestead, FL 33030
1980 to Present
President and Owner

Sam S. Accursio & Sons Farms is known as a "grower, packer and shipper" of southern vegetables, primarily recognized for pickles. Sam started as a young man after school and has worked in every aspect of farming from plowing the land through planting, spraying, fertilizing, harvesting, packing and shipping. The farm supplies vegetables to the east coast of the United States from Miami, Florida to Portland, Maine. Was named in the top 100 growers in the United States for several years running. During the season, there are 250 people employed in the daily operation.

CARI -
Board of Directors

CCFN -
Board of Directors

First National Bank of South Florida
Former Member of the Advisory Board

Dade County Farm Bureau
Former Member Board of Directors

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R E S U M E

Professional Experience

November 2002 - Present

Underwater Specialties Inc.
Homestead, Fl.

Underwater inspection and construction.

February 1998 - October 2002

C - Brand Tropical Inc.
Goulds, Fl.

Position: General Manager

Duties: Duties include: accounts payable, accounts receivable, collections, purchasing, and over-seeing the repair and servicing of packing equipment.

February 1997 - February 1998

Innerspace Research Inc.
Hialeah, Fl.

Position: General Manager

Duties: Responsible for the day to day operation of the business. Duties include: accounts payable, accounts receivable, collections, purchasing, new business development and over-seeing the repair and servicing of compressors.

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RESUME

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September 1995

Penfor Grove
Homestead, Fl.

Position: Owner

Bought grove and home in Homestead, Fl. Responsible for development of new markets for things that were grown at Penfor Grove.

March 1994 - January 1997

BIELER ROOFING SUPPLY

Position: Fleet and Safety Director

Duties: Responsible for maintaining the fleet and D.O.T. compliance. As Safety Director I was also responsible for compliance with all company safety regulations. Also with insurance, and Federal (OSHA) regulations.

December 92 - March 94

Self-Employed worked as **General Contractor** overseeing and working on rebuilding of my home.

April 1991 - October 92

PNEUMATIQUE CRAFT

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Position: Senior Boat Technician.

Duties: Responsible for training new employees. Handled repairs of inflatable boats.

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RESUME**

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March 1990 - December 1990

BROOKLYN NAVY YARD DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Position: Vice President, Facility/Maintenance.

Duties: Responsible for two departments, Maintenance and Security. Total number of personnel supervised, 100.

March 1985 - March 1990

UNDERWATER INSPECTING & CONTRACTING, INC.

Position: President and Owner. A minority owned business enterprise, (M.B.E.) certified by the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

1981 - 1985

INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER CONTRACTORS

Position: Diver/Manager.

Duties: Supervised underwater construction, surveys, salvage, inspections and the operations of Remote Operated Vehicles.

PERSONAL DATA

Attended Farmingdale University (1968)
Certified Professional Diver
Diving Instructor (Y.M.C.A.)
Remote Operated Vehicle Pilot
Traffic Manager
Honorably Discharged Veteran (U.S.A.F. 1964 - 1967)
Associations and Awards
National Association of Minority Contractors 1985-1990 Board of Directors 1988-1989 / Regional Director of the Year 1989
Member of the Redland Mac (RAMAC) a Dade County Board

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PROFILE OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Training Developer
- Crisis Management
- Safety Manual Development
- Budget development
- Contract Negotiation
- Bid Preparation

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Developed and **Implemented** training programs to help employees understand the importance of there jobs to the companies **objectives**. By this training program unit productive was increased by 40%.

Developed and **Implemented** the procedures to put divers in the waters of Greater New York Area in case of an emergency with in one hour of a call. This procedure was used for ship collision with bridges or other ships.

Created and **Wrote** a safety manual for the safe operation and efficiency of the day to day operations of two companies. This manual covered prevention and handling of all types of accidents from fire, electrical, chemical, falls, and other types of hazardous.

Evaluated the real needs of two departments and created a budget that would address there concerns. This resulted in a savings to the company and this procedures was adopted by the company for all departments.

Successfully Negotiated Contracts with two unions to prevent a work stoppage on a Navy job site where the company was under a time completion contract. Have negotiated strike settlements with labor and management.

As owner of a company I prepared **bids and proposals** that were the main reason for the steady growth of the company. By taking the time to read the plans and talk with the engineers we were able to do this with very few change orders.

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT
Miami-Dade County, Florida

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD

APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE AT-LARGE MEMBER
Vote (✓) for One

JAMES HUMBLE
FORREST B. GORDON
SAM ACCURSIO JR.

Commissioner _____
(Please sign ballot)

Commission District Number _____